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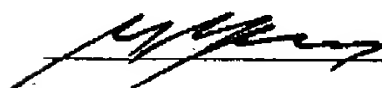
Sir:

This communication is submitted in response to the July 1, 2004 Office Action ("Office Action"). A response is due October 1, 2004. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Entry of the following amendment and consideration of the enclosed remarks are respectfully requested. The following sections are enclosed:

1. Amendments to the claims; and
2. Remarks.

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